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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Art Unit:) Keiichi SHIMIZU) IA No.: PCT/JP99/04799 Washington, D.C. IA Filed: September 3, 1999 U.S. App. No.: (Not Yet Assigned) March 4, 2002 National Filing Date: (Not Yet Received)) METAL SHEET... Docket No.: For:)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-5 and 7-11 as follows:

- 3. (Amended) A metal sheet drilling disk roll according to Claim 1, wherein the shape in plan of the drilling blade is set to a rectangular shape or a substantially rectangular shape with four corner portions thereof rounded.
- 4. (Amended) A metal sheet drilling disk roll according to Claim 1, wherein the shape in plan of the drilling blade is set to one of an elongated circular shape, an elliptic shape, a right circular shape, a